DuPage Township Youth Committee Meeting

241 Canterbury Lane Bolingbrook

January 24, 2022

6:00 PM

1. Call to order by Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Trustee Liaison Terri Ransom

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

Trustee Liaison Terri Ransom, Kim McElroy, Barb Sells, Dorothy Andrews, Shantina Boyd, Selena Jones

Absent: Reem Townsend and Celia Chretien

Guests: Barbara Parker, Katie Stachura(JAMS), Laura Didier(Fountaindale library)

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion Dorothy, 2nd Kim

1. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

None at this time

1. Trustee Liaison Report

I want to thank everyone for the holidays, everything was fabulous, lots of compliments for the holiday festival that took place on Sunday December 19th. With short planning it turned into an excellent event. And for Saturday at the food pantry, we helped Toys for Tots, Santa was there and that was a good activity. We pulled them both back-to-back. I Appreciate the committee and it turned out very well. Celene took lots of pictures for the newsletter. We are still looking for people if you know anyone interested. We still need a chair and Reem needs to be replaced as secretary with the baby. Jody resigned from the committee also. I’m so excited that Katie reached out about STARS. Sandy Stewart also reached out. So, we are mainly going to talk about STARS today. Thank you and Happy New Year.

1. New Business
   1. Swearing in of Committee Members

Sworn in were Barb, Shantina, Selena, Dorothy and Kim

1. Old Business
   1. STARS Program

Katie: STARS(Students Taking a Responsible Stand) an all-day conference

At JAMS I am new to STARS and we are doing something in house. Each school has a STARS representative for the middle schools. It rotates each year where the conference is held. Last one was in October 2019 on the 3rd Saturday at Brooks. It is always done on a Saturday. It is a one-day enrichment event where teachers recommend students based on criteria. The committee should meet with representatives and pull a name out of a hat for the next host. The Township pays for lunch, staff/teacher volunteers/committee help run the event. The schools find teachers to help. JAMS is doing one in house as an after-school program with equity team(2x a month). Had 40 students to start, now 8, hoping to have 20.

Dorothy: AVM is doing it too. Calling students out of class to discuss characters

Committee discussions over what happens after the convention. We want it to continue. Katie will find out who the district rep is to so we can meet and come together to make STARS work. We need to find out how students are picked, what the criteria is, to make sure it’s not the same students every year. Can the committee do more during the year, maybe provide a curriculum to continue STARS past the October conference.

Katie will find out who the district rep is and invite to Feb meeting. We would also like a meeting with all of the school STARS reps.

Oct. 22 date discussed for STARS conference

* 1. Mission Statement

Tabled until next meeting

1. Public Comments

Laura: Are we doing the summer program? DuPage Township Kids Fest. The bookmobile would come, Township provided hot dogs, chips, drinks. It was 4 hours 10-2 on a Thursday. There were vendors, a DJ, face painting, chiropractor, phone service, games and the BPD train. The vendors gave away stuff. 800 kids last time it was held.

And are you doing backpacks (Tools for Schools) in August? The library helps with those things and we need to get them on the calendar. The library sends volunteers to help with backpacks. And provides puppet show, music, story time and Bookmobile at Kid Fest.

Yes, and Yes.

Dates discussed:

June 9th Kids Fest: 11-2

Aug. 4th Tools for School 11-1 snacks to cars/drive up

10.Member Comments

Shantina: Asked about summer camp, are we doing that. It was 1 or 2 weeks of camp in the summer. Need to discuss further.

11.Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Shantina, 2nd Dorothy

Dates:

Next meeting – Feb 28

June 9 – Kids Fest

Aug 4 – Tools for School

Oct. 22 – STARS conference